

thus the metropolitan area of San Francisco has a gross population well up to 650,000. Los Angeles has been asserting that it is the Pacific coast's biggest town. 'Frisco may answer, "Not yet."

Earthquake and fire have not been able to stay the progress of Indomitable San Francisco. It has triumphed even more conspicuously than Chicago when similarly assailed. It has lifted itself above calamity and is bigger and richer than ever before. In the stress of those terrible hours it has seemed as if 'Frisco lost a little of that fine and engaging spirit of recklessness that distinguished it in the old days and to get down more nearly to the prevailing grubbing standard of America. But perhaps this mood of seriousness will pass now that things are going well again, and there will be a renaissance of the former enthusiasm and free and generous living.

San Francisco, most beloved in America by its residents, and of unfailing interest to other communities, the country rejoices in your renewed prosperity! In the face of a catastrophe beyond precedent you have kept your "nerve," and your nerve has seen you through. You have earned the right to the heartiest of felicitations, and there is a new reason for admiration. Uncast down, you look across the Pacific in a mood of unconquerable optimism and foresee the day when your ocean, the biggest in size, will also be the biggest in commerce.

ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL COMMITTEE IN FAVOR OF BAS-RELIEF BY A LONDON ARTIST.

Oahu College will receive, before July of the coming year, a bronze bas-relief of the late Gen. S. C. Armstrong, designed and executed by A. Bertram Pegram, an English sculptor, the original being installed recently at Hampton Institute, founded by General Armstrong.

The portrait design was selected yesterday from three models, or portraits of models, by the Armstrong memorial committee at a meeting held in the directors' room of the Bank of Hawaii. Judge S. B. Dole, chairman of the committee, presided. The original committee was constituted a few years ago, when G. R. Carter was Governor, as follows: Governor Geo. R. Car-

ter, C. M. Cooke, Chief Justice W. F. Frear, P. C. Jones, Rt. Rev. H. B. Restarick, Hon. W. O. Smith, Ed. Towse, Hon. H. P. Baldwin, Hon. G. N. Wilcox, Dr. W. D. Alexander, Jas. B. Castle, Mrs. B. F. Dillingham, Dr. A. F. Griffiths, Theodore Richards, Rev. Doremus Scudder, D. D., Hon. L. A. Thurston, Mrs. Ellen A. Weaver, Hon. F. S. Lyman, Perley L. Horne. Volunteers—W. W. Hall (deceased), F. A. Schaefer.

Many of the above members were present yesterday.

A SPEAKING LIKENESS.

The design accepted is a splendid bas-relief of General Armstrong, a portrait, the likeness being regarded by those who knew the distinguished publicist as remarkably true. Doctor Emerson, Joseph Emerson, Doctor Alexander and W. O. Smith regard it as wonderfully striking, while members of the Armstrong family have only praise for the sculptor whose art transferred the features so truly to marble and bronze.

The original of this bronze portrait is done in marble and has been given to Hampton Institute, the school for negroes, which was organized just after the Civil War, and instituted and carried on by General Armstrong, who went to the United States from Hawaii before the war began. The sculptor is an Englishman, and the model and marble were fashioned in his studio in London. The gift to Hampton Institute was made by E. H. Van Ingen, a New York merchant, who is deeply interested in the Hampton work.

GIVER HELPS HAWAII.

When President Griffiths of Oahu College was East last year he had an interview with Mr. Van Ingen, seeking the privilege of presenting for his consideration a request for a replica of the memorial. Mr. Van Ingen not only gave his permission, but at once manifested great personal interest in the matter, and has done a great deal to have photographs of the models sent here, and he also secured Pegram's permission to secure a replica.

The committee decided to have the replica produced in bronze, although some expressed a preference for marble. The cost of the bronze replica will be \$1300. The committee plans to raise about

\$1500 to cover all expenses, including freight and erection in the lower corridor of Pauahi Hall at Iahu College.

MALIHINI.

We are glad the tedious election is over and very soon to be forgotten in the daily toil for bread and butter which the majority of us must look after however many votes may be won or lost. Few can afford to halt on the way, linger, listen and debate over the results. It is past. It is all quite settled. Useless and vain now to stop and cavil. Let us have peace, even if not getting a piece of office of any sort.

Let us begin to think a big piece, to plan and to gather in, for the "Malihini Christmas Tree," which is far more joyous and merry food for thought than all the past political quagmire, we must admit, that "good time coming" for all the poor babies!

It shall surely come, and we pray that it may be a much bigger and grander affair than either of the two past, good as they indeed were.

But you know, Honolulu men and women are always looking for an improvement, and sure to make one!

There are crowds more of poor little ones today we must believe than in the Christmas past; and that fact must be reckoned with we reckon. All sick, too, unable to come to the Tree will be thinking even in the midst of pain and suffering of the doll or the drum that will be sent to them. And not one tiny waif shall be neglected, for forty pairs of eyes will be scanning every nook and corner of this town to mark and to know. Perhaps my readers know that even that Advertiser man men (gentlemen) are wide awake in this vital happy time. They are all alert we can tell you, about the Christmas cheer for the poor (the poorest) tiny folk ("Tim").

Now, this Tree is bound to give joy to the entire (en masse) community, for what affects the poorest child affects every man and woman and other child however rich or mighty, we assert.

Let a poor man's child be run over or fall from a bridge, say, and would not every mother's son